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The State of Oregon should not have any say on the compensation I receive from my employer. As a nurse during these critical times and such need for healthcare workers I/we put our lives on the line caring for ill patients. Every time I walk into a patient's room who has Covid I am at risk for getting this virus, in which unknowingly can pass along to other patients or my family. Not everyone is going to do this and for the ones that are willing and caring enough to do it should be compensated with an agreed amount between the employer and employees and the State of Oregon has no business getting involved at all. Both these companies come to an agreement on the value of such services as the know how valuable I/we are. As a nurse my first and foremost duty is the care of the patient always, but when it is something dangerous or harmful to us I/we should feel the organization knows this and is willing to pay for these services during this critical time. If the State of Oregon starts putting caps on these services more and more healthcare works will not, I repeat, will NOT be willing to put themselves or others at risk. Keep to government stuff and not interfere with local employment. I am 100% against the State of Oregon getting involved with my livelihood.